

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for estimating the skin cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer and colon cancer disease risk of an individual comprising
  - assessing in the genetic material of a sample from said individual a sequence polymorphism
    - in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or
    - in a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or
    - in a transcription product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or
    - or translation product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof,
    - obtaining a sequence polymorphism response,
  - estimating the skin cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer and colon cancer disease risk of said individual based on the sequence polymorphism response.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein a sequence polymorphism is assessed
  - in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or

- in a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or
- in a transcription product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or
- or translation product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cell sample is a blood sample, a tissue sample, a sample of secretion, semen, ovum, a washing of a body surface, ~~such as a buccal swap, or a clipping of a body surface, including hairs and nails.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the cell is selected from white blood cells and tumor tissue.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least one mutation base change.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least two base changes.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least one single nucleotide polymorphism.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least two single nucleotide polymorphisms.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least one tandem repeat polymorphism.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sequence polymorphism comprises at least two tandem repeat polymorphisms.

11-14 (cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the assessment is conducted by means of at least one nucleic acid primer or probe, ~~such as a primer or probe of DNA, RNA or a nucleic acid analogue such as peptide nucleic acid (PNA) or locked nucleic acid (LNA)~~.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the nucleotide primer or probe is capable of hybridising to a subsequence of the region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or a region complementary to SEQ ID NO:1.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the primer or probe has a length of at least 9 nucleotide or peptide monomers.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims 15-17~~ claim 11, wherein at least one primer or probe is capable of hybridising to a subsequence selected from the group of subsequences consisting of

1. GCTCTGAAAC TTACTAGCCC (A/G) GTATTTATGG AGAGGCATTT (SEQ ID NO:3)

2. GTGGTCAAAT TCTCATTAT CGTGG (T/C) CCAGGCAAGC ACACCTCCTC  
(SEQ ID NO:4)
3. ACCCTGAGGT GAGCACCTGT TCCTT (C/T) TCCTTGCCCT TAGCCCAGAG  
GTAGA (SEQ ID NO:5)
4. GGGCAGGGGT TTGTGCCTCC AATGA (G/A) CACAAGCTCC CCCTGCCCCC  
CAACT (SEQ ID NO:6)
5. CCTGGCGGTG GCCGTCACCA GCTTT (T/C) GGGGGTGTGTT GGGAAAGCTGG  
(SEQ ID NO:75)
6. CTCCAGCCCC ACTGTTCCCT (A/G) GCCCCTATTG GTCCCCCTGG (SEQ ID NO:76)
7. ACAAGGAGGA GGCAGAAGTG AGGTT (G/C) AAACCCACTG CCCAATCTTA  
(SEQ ID NO:77)
8. CCAACACGGT GAAACCCCGT CTGTA (T/C) TAAAAATACA AAAATTAGCC  
(SEQ ID NO:78)
9. AATCCAGGAC CCCATAATCT TCCGT (C/T) ATCTAAAACA ATAATGGTGA  
(SEQ ID NO:79)
10. CCCAAGGGGG CGAGGGGAGG GTGAA (A/G) GGGTGGGACG GGGGCAGCCG  
(SEQ ID NO:80)
11. GAAGTGAGAA GGGGGCTGGG GGTG (G/-) CGCTCGCTAG CGGGCGCGGG  
(SEQ ID NO:81)
12. CGCACGCGCA GTATCCGAT TGGCT (C/G) TGCCCTAGCG GATTGACGGG  
(SEQ ID NO:82)
13. AACTCCTGGG TTCGATCAAT ACTCA (GACA/-) ATCTTGGCAG  
GCGCAGGAGG (SEQ ID NO:83)
14. GCTGGGATTA CAGGCTTGAG CCACC (A/G) CGCCCGGCCT GCAAAGCCAT  
(SEQ ID NO:84)
15. TTTTGTATCT TTAGTAGAGA CAGG (T/G) TTTCTCCATG TTGGTCAGGC  
(SEQ ID NO:85)
16. GCCTCAGCCT CCCGAGTAGC TGAGACT (C/A) CAGGTGCCCG  
CCACCACGCC (SEQ ID NO:86)
17. TGAAATTGTA GGTTGAGAGG CCAGGCG (C/T) GGTGCTCACG  
CCTGTAATT (SEQ ID NO:87)

18. GTTTATAAAC ATTAAACCAG (T/A) GCTGTGTGAA GGCACCTAAC (SEQ ID NO:88)
19. CCGTCTCTAT TAAAAATATA AAA (A/C) AATTAGCCG GGTGTAGCGG (SEQ ID NO:89)
20. GGGAGGCTCG AGGCAGGGC (A/G) GATTGCATGA GCTCAGGATT (SEQ ID NO:90)
21. TCCAAGTTT CAGGGCCCAA (T/G) ATTCTCAAAT CACAGGATT (SEQ ID NO:91)
22. TGCAGTGAGC TGAGATCGC (A/G) CCACTGCAC CCAGCCTGGG (SEQ ID NO:92)
23. TCTTAGGACG CATGGGGGT (T/G) GAGAGAACGG GGAGATAGAC (SEQ ID NO:93)
24. CTGGGTTCTA GAACTACC (C/T) ATGCAAACCC AGCTGTTCC (SEQ ID NO:94)
25. ATTCTGCCCT GGGTTCTAGA ACTACCT (C/A) TGCAAACCCA GCTGTTCCC (SEQ ID NO:95)
26. GCTGTTCCC ACCCCATAAG GCA (A/G) TAGGGGAGCC CACCTCCGCC (SEQ ID NO:96)
27. GACCTAGAAG ATCGGTGAG A (C/T) AGCAGCTTGA GGCTGGCAGG (SEQ ID NO:97)
28. CTGGCCAGGA ATGCAGTCGG GTCAC (C/T) CTGTCTAGCC ACCGTCTCGC (SEQ ID NO:98)
29. GGGAGGAGTC GCCGATCAGG (C/T) CCCTTCCTGA AAGTCATCGA (SEQ ID NO:99)
30. GCAGCCCCGGG CTACAGGGTT (A/G) CCTGAGGTGT GGGTCCCAGG (SEQ ID NO:100)
31. TAGAAATACT AACAAAGGGC (T/C) GTGGGTTTCT CCCCCCTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:101)
32. ACAGGAGAGG GAAGGTTTTTG (A/T) TTTTTTTTTT GTTTTTTTT (SEQ ID NO:102)
33. GAAGAGGAAG AAGCCAAAG GGA (A/C) AGAACCTTC GAGCCAGAAG (SEQ ID NO:103)

34. GCGCCTCAAC AGCCAGAAGG AGCG (A/G) AGCCTCAGGC CCAGGCAGCT  
(SEQ ID NO:213)
35. TTGAGACTCT CTGTTTGAT (A/G) CTTCACTCAG AAGGTGCTTC (SEQ ID NO:105)
36. AGGCCAGGCT CCTGCTGGCT G (C/G) GCTGGTGCAG TCTCTGGGA (SEQ ID NO:106)
37. CCCCTATACC CTCAAGCAT (C/T) TATCCATTGA GTTACAAACA (SEQ ID NO:107) and
38. ACCATCCCCC GCCTTCCGTT (A/C) GTCCGGCCCC CGAGGCTAGC (SEQ ID NO:108),

or to a sequence complementary to any of the subsequences 1 to 38 (SEQ ID NOS:1-6, 75-108) above.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein at least one nucleotide probe is selected from the group consisting of

1. TGAAATTGTA GGTTGAGAGG CCAGGCG (C/T) GGTGCTCACG CCTGTAATTT  
(SEQ ID NO:87)
2. GTTTATAAAC ATTAAACCAG (T/A) GCTGTGTGAA GGCACCTTAAT (SEQ ID NO:88)
3. CCGTCTCTAT TAAAAATATA AAA (A/C) AATTTAGCCG GGTGTAGCGG (SEQ ID NO:89)
4. GGGAGGCTCG AGGCAGGGC (A/G) GATTGCATGA GCTCAGGATT (SEQ ID NO:90)
5. TCCCAAGTTT CAGGGCCCAA (T/G) ATTCTCAAAT CACAGGATTC  
(SEQ ID NO:91)
6. TGCAGTGAGC TGAGATCGC (A/G) CCACTGCACT CCAGCCTGGG  
(SEQ ID NO:92)
7. TCTTAGGACG CATGGGGT (T/G) GAGAGAACGG GGAGATAGAC  
(SEQ ID NO:93)

8. CTGGGTTCTA GAACTACC (C/T) ATGCAAACCC AGCTGTTCC (SEQ ID NO:94)

9. ATTCTGCCCT GGGTTCTAGA ACTACCT (C/A) TGCAAACCCA GCTGTTCCC (SEQ ID NO:95)

10. GCTGTTCCC ACCCCATAAG GCA (A/G) TAGGGGAGCC CACCTCCGCC (SEQ ID NO:96)

11. GACCTAGAAG ATCGGTCGAG A (C/T) AGCAGCTTGA GGCTGGCAGG (SEQ ID NO:97)

12. CTGGCCAGGA ATGCAGTCGG GTCAC (C/T) CTGTCTAGCC ACCGTCTCGC (SEQ ID NO:98)

13. GGGAGGAGTC GCCGATCAGG (C/T) CCCTTCCTGA AAGTCATCGA (SEQ ID NO:99)

14. GCAGCCCAGG CTACAGGGTT (A/G) CCTGAGGTGT GGGTCCCAGG (SEQ ID NO:100)

15. TAGAAATACT AACAAAGGGC (T/C) GTGGGTTTCT CCCCTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:101)

16. ACAGGAGAGG GAAGGTTTTTG (A/T) TTTTTTTTTT GTTTTTTTT (SEQ ID NO:102)

17. GAAGAGGAAG AAGCCAAAG GGA (A/C) AGAAACCTTC GAGCCAGAAG (SEQ ID NO:103) and

18. GCGCCTCAAC AGCCAGAAGG AGCG (A/G) AGCCTCAGGC CCAGGCAGCT (SEQ ID NO:213),

or to a sequence complementary to any of the subsequences 1 to 18 (SEQ ID NOS:87-103, 213) above.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein at least one nucleotide probe is selected from the group consisting of

1. GTTTATAAAC ATTAAACCAG (T/A) GCTGTGTGAA GGCACCTTAAT (SEQ ID NO:88)

2. CCGTCTCTAT TAAAAATATA AAA (A/C) AATTTAGCCG GGTGTAGCGG (SEQ ID NO:89)
3. GGGAGGCTCG AGGCAGGC (A/G) GATTGCATGA GCTCAGGATT (SEQ ID NO:90)
4. TCCCAAGTTT CAGGGCCCAA (T/G) ATTCTCAAAT CACAGGATTC (SEQ ID NO:91) and
5. TGCAGTGAGC TGAGATCGC (A/G) CCACTGCACT CCAGCCTGGG, (SEQ ID NO:92)

or to a sequence complementary to any of the said subsequences.

21. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one sequence polymorphism is assessed in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1 position 1521-37752 (r).

22. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one sequence polymorphism is assessed in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1 position 7760-22885 (RAI).

23. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one sequence polymorphism is assessed in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1 position 34391- 37752.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 16, wherein at least two different probes are used, one probe being selected from the probes as defined in ~~any of claims 17-21~~ claim 16, and the other probe being capable of hybridising to a sequence different from SEQ

ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or to a sequence complementary to a region different from SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof[[,]].

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the translational product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, is an antibody, ~~such as a monoclonal or polyclonal antibody.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A method for estimating the disease prognosis of an individual comprising

- providing a sample from said individual,

- assessing in the genetic material ~~of a~~ in said sample from said individual a sequence polymorphism

- in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

- in a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

- in a transcription product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

- or translation product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof,

- obtaining a sequence polymorphism response,

- estimating the disease prognosis of said individual based on the sequence polymorphism response.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein the method further comprises assessing in the genetic material in said sample a sequence polymorphism in ~~has any of~~ ~~the features as defined in any of the claims 2-21~~

a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof,  
or  
a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof,  
or  
a transcription product from a sequence in a region  
corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or  
a translation product from a sequence in a region  
corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for estimating a treatment response of an individual suffering from cancer to a disease treatment, comprising

- providing a sample from said individual,
- assessing in the genetic material ~~of a~~ in said sample from said individual a sequence polymorphism
  - in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or
  - in a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or
  - in a transcription product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof, or
    - or translation product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part thereof,
- obtaining a sequence polymorphism response,
- estimating the individual's response to the disease treatment based on the sequence polymorphism response.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein the method further comprises ~~has any of the features as defined in any of the claims 2-21~~

assessing in the genetic material of a sample from said individual a sequence polymorphism in

(i) a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

(ii) a region complementary to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

(iii) a transcription product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof, or

(iv) a translation product from a sequence in a region corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2, or a part thereof.

30. (Currently Amended) A primer or probe for detecting polymorphisms for use in a method as defined in ~~any of the claims above claim 1~~, said primer or probe being selected from the group consisting of

TGGCTAACACGGTGAAACC (SEQ ID NO:7)

GGAATCCAAAGATTCTATGATGG (SEQ ID NO:8)

GGGAGGCGGAGCTTGCAGTGA (SEQ ID NO:9)

CTGAGATCGCACCACTGCAC (SEQ ID NO:10)

GGTTTCTGCTCTGCACACG (SEQ ID NO:11)

CCTTTCTCCTTCCACCAACG (SEQ ID NO:12)

CGGGCTACAGGGTTACCTGAG (SEQ ID NO:13)

TCTGCAACCTGGTGCGAGCAGC (SEQ ID NO:14)

CCTACCACCATCATCACATCC (SEQ ID NO:15)  
GCCTTGCCAAAATCATAACC (SEQ ID NO:16)  
CCTCTCCCCAATTAAGTGCCTTCACACAGC (SEQ ID NO:17)  
AGCCAGGGAGGTTGAGGCT (SEQ ID NO:18)  
AGACAGCCCTGAATCAGCAC (SEQ ID NO:19)  
GCAATGAGCCGAGATAGAA (SEQ ID NO:20) and  
TGGCTAGCCCATTACTCTA (SEQ ID NO:21) .

31 (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The primer or probe according to any ~~of claims 29, 30, or 31~~ claim 30, wherein the probe is operably linked to at least one label, ~~such as operably linked to two different labels.~~

33. (Currently Amended) The probe according to claim 30, wherein the label is selected from the group consisting of TEX, TET, TAM, ROX, R6G, ORG, HEX, FLU, FAM, DABSYL, Cy7, Cy5, Cy3, BOFL, BOF, BO-X, BO-TRX, BO-TMR, JOE, 6JOE, VIC, 6FAM, LCRed640, LCRed705, TAMRA, Biotin, Digoxigenin, DuO-family, Daq-family.

34. (Currently Amended) The primer or probe according to any ~~of claims 29-32~~ claim 26, wherein the primer or probe is operably linked to a surface.

35. (Original) The primer or probe according to claim 34, wherein the surface is the surface of microbeads or a DNA chip.

36 (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A kit ~~for use in a method as defined in any of the claims above~~, comprising at least one primer or probe, said probe being as defined in ~~any of claims 26-30~~ claim 30, and optionally comprising further amplifying means for nucleic acid amplification.